

**SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY HANDBOOK
SECTION 3.8**

3.8 Compensation

Santa Clara University is committed to recruiting, retaining, and rewarding faculty who advance its mission by excelling as teaching scholars. Thus, the University shall maintain compensation policies that are designed to achieve this end.

Compensation comprises salary and other benefits described or referred to below.

3.8.1 Salary

The University strives to assure that faculty salaries are competitive with those of faculty at the same ranks in related disciplines at institutions with which it competes. It also strives to eliminate any internal salary disparities that cannot be reasonably explained by market comparisons, years in rank, and performance over time.

The achievement of these salary goals is a high priority that will be balanced with other priorities within the financial resources of the University. Progress is monitored by the Provost's Office and the Faculty Affairs Committee on the basis of periodic salary studies conducted in accordance with implementation guidelines established by the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Salary for each period of appointment shall be as specified in a faculty member's Letter of Appointment.

3.8.2 Benefits

3.8.2.1 Benefits for All Faculty

All faculty shall receive each of the following benefits:

- Benefits mandated by law to the extent eligibility criteria are met (e.g., Social Security, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance; Short Term Disability; Pregnancy Disability; and Family and Medical Leave);
- Access to designated University facilities and related privileges and eligibility for membership in Adobe Lodge;
- Release from faculty obligations with no loss of pay to the extent necessary to perform jury duty or to testify as a witness when subpoenaed, provided that the faculty member has made every reasonable effort to schedule such activity when it will not interfere with teaching responsibilities. A faculty member assigned to

jury duty for a protracted case must notify his or her department chair or other supervisor promptly so that appropriate plans can be made.

These and other faculty benefits are described and explained in sections 601, 603, 610, 615, 618, 620, and 622 of the Santa Clara University Staff Policy Manual (viewable at <http://www.scu.edu/hr/policy/>). Those sections, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to faculty and are incorporated herein by this reference. There shall be no major reductions in these benefits absent appropriate prior consultation with representatives of the faculty.

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3.8.2.2 Benefits for Faculty on Academic Year Appointments of at Least 50% Time

Except as provided in 3.8.2.3, all faculty holding an academic year appointment equivalent to at least 50% of a full-time academic year appointment shall be entitled to the following benefits in addition to those identified in 3.8.2.1 to the extent eligibility criteria are met:

- Health care benefits;
- Long term disability income benefits;
- Term life insurance and accidental death or dismemberment insurance;
- Pre-tax deduction of eligible health care premiums and flexible spending accounts to tax shelter eligible medical and/or dependent care expenses;
- Retirement and supplemental retirement plan;
- Tuition remission at Santa Clara University, through FACHEX, and through the Tuition Exchange Program;

These benefits are described and explained in sections 602, 604 - 609, and 614 of the Santa Clara University Staff Policy Manual (viewable at <http://www.scu.edu/hr/policy/>). Those sections, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to faculty and are incorporated herein by this reference. There shall be no major reductions in these benefits absent appropriate prior consultation with representatives of the faculty.

For purposes of calculating eligibility for benefits under this subsection, the official full-time course load for Regular Faculty and Senior Lecturers is seven courses of conventional unit value per year, or the equivalent, except in the School of Law. Therefore, except in the School of Law, teaching four such courses per year or the equivalent shall establish their eligibility for the benefits enumerated in this subsection.

The official full-time course load for Other Faculty (excluding Senior Lecturers) who hold academic-year appointments is nine courses of conventional unit value per year, or the equivalent, except in the School of Law. Therefore, except in the School of Law, teaching five such courses per year or the equivalent will establish their eligibility for the benefits enumerated in this subsection.

3.8.2.3 Benefits During Leave or Phased Retirement

Benefits available to faculty during approved leaves of absence shall be those specified in 3.7.3. Benefits available to faculty during phased retirement, even if they hold an appointment of less than 50% time, shall be those specified in 3.8.2.2.